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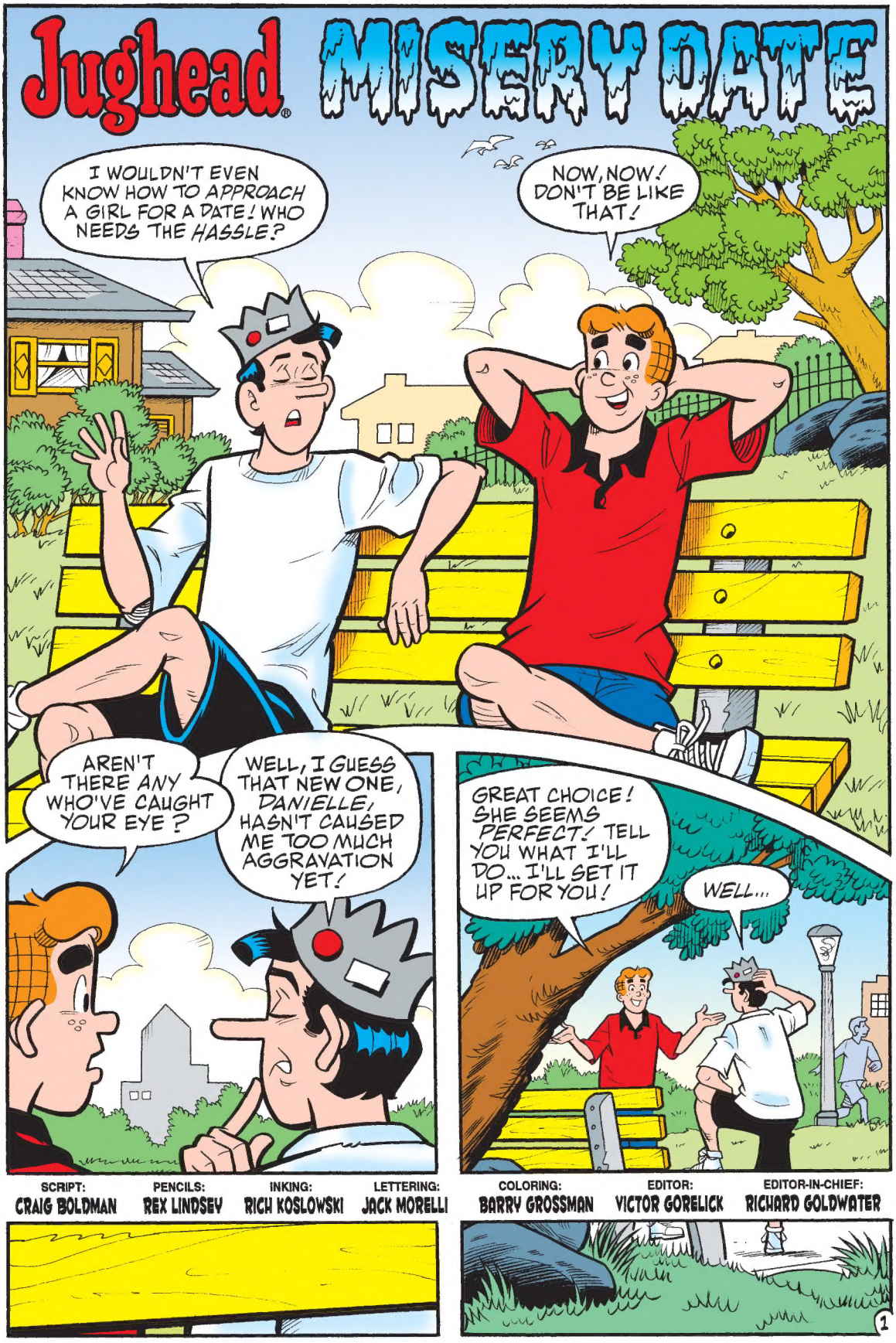
Jughead
MISERY DATE
I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO APPROACH A GIRL FOR A DATE! WHO NEEDS THE HASSLE?
NOW, NOW! DON'T BE LIKE THAT!
AREN'T THERE ANY WHO'VE CAUGHT YOUR EYE?
WELL, I GUESS THAT NEW ONE, DANIELLE, HASN'T CAUSED ME TOO MUCH AGGRAVATION YET!
GREAT CHOICE! SHE SEEMS PERFECT! TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO... I'LL SET IT UP FOR YOU!
WELL...

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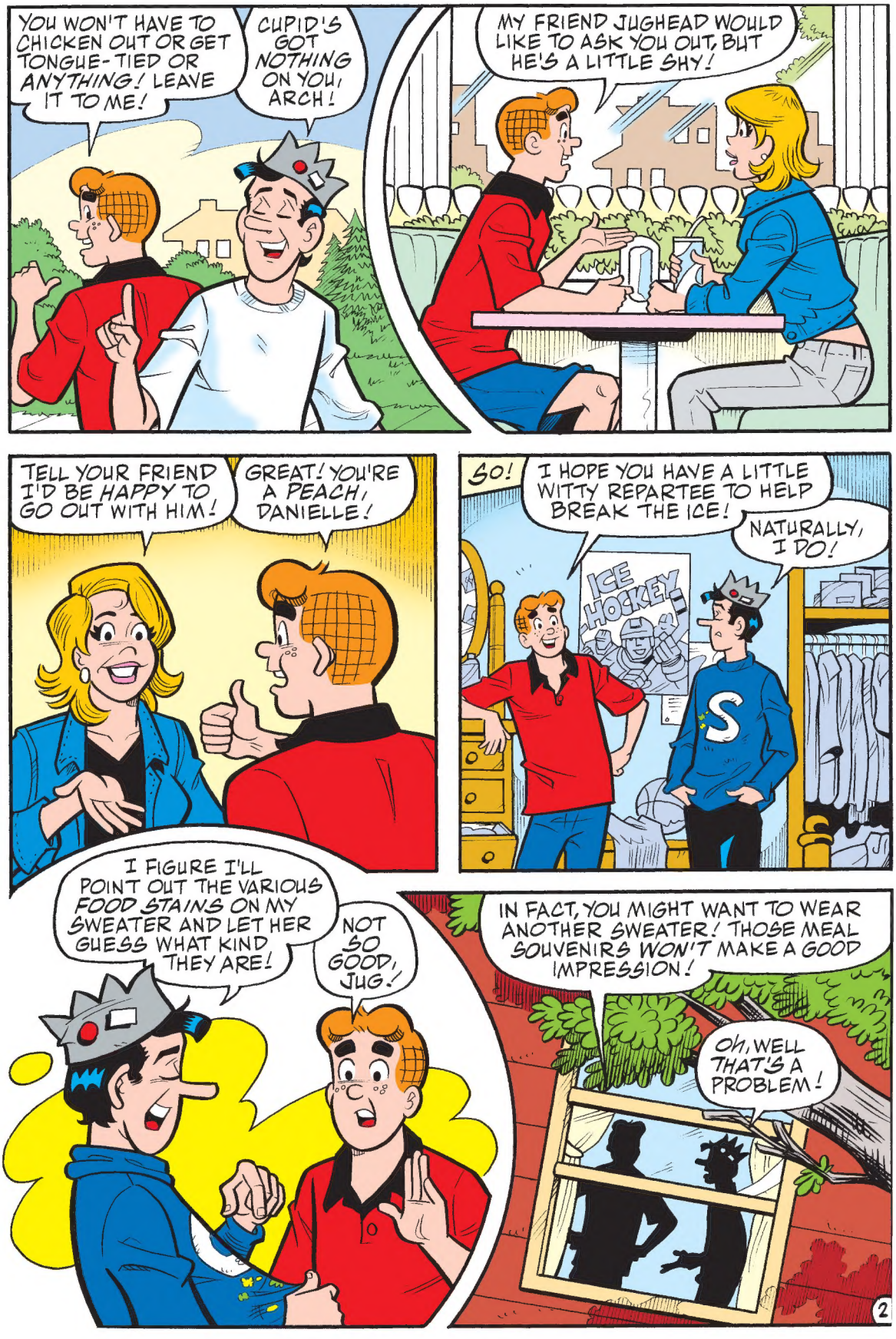
YOU WON'T HAVE TO CHICKEN OUT OR GET TONGUE-TIED OR ANYTHING! LEAVE IT TO ME!
CUPID'S GOT NOTHING ON YOU, ARCH!
MY FRIEND JUGHEAD WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU OUT, BUT HE'S A LITTLE SHY!
TELL YOUR FRIEND I'D BE HAPPY TO GO OUT WITH HIM!
GREAT! YOU'RE A PEACH, DANIELLE!
SO!
I HOPE YOU HAVE A LITTLE WITTY REPARTEE TO HELP BREAK THE ICE!
NATURALLY, I DO!
ICE HOCKEY
I FIGURE I'LL POINT OUT THE VARIOUS FOOD STAINS ON MY SWEATER AND LET HER GUESS WHAT KIND THEY ARE!
NOT SO GOOD, JUG!
IN FACT, YOU MIGHT WANT TO WEAR ANOTHER SWEATER! THOSE MEAL SOUVENIRS WON'T MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION!
OH, WELL THAT'S A PROBLEM!

ALL MY CLOTHES HAVE FOOD STAINS! I'M A WALKING SCRAPBOOK OF THE RESTAURANTS OF RIVERDALE!
hmm... I SEE...
I'LL LEND YOU SOME OF MY CLOTHES! TRY NOT TO SPILL DINNER ON 'EM!
NO PROMISES THERE, ARCH!
AND SOON...
THIS IS THE DAY OF JUGHEAD'S DATE WITH DANIELLE! I WONDER HOW IT WILL GO!
IF JUG HADN'T BROUGHT HER UP FIRST, I WOULDN'T MIND SEEING DANIELLE MYSELF!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
HEY, YOU! WHAT'S UP?
I JUST STOPPED BY TO PICK UP YOUR CAR KEYS!
MY CAR KEYS? WHY FOR?
FOR MY BIG DATE, OF COURSE!
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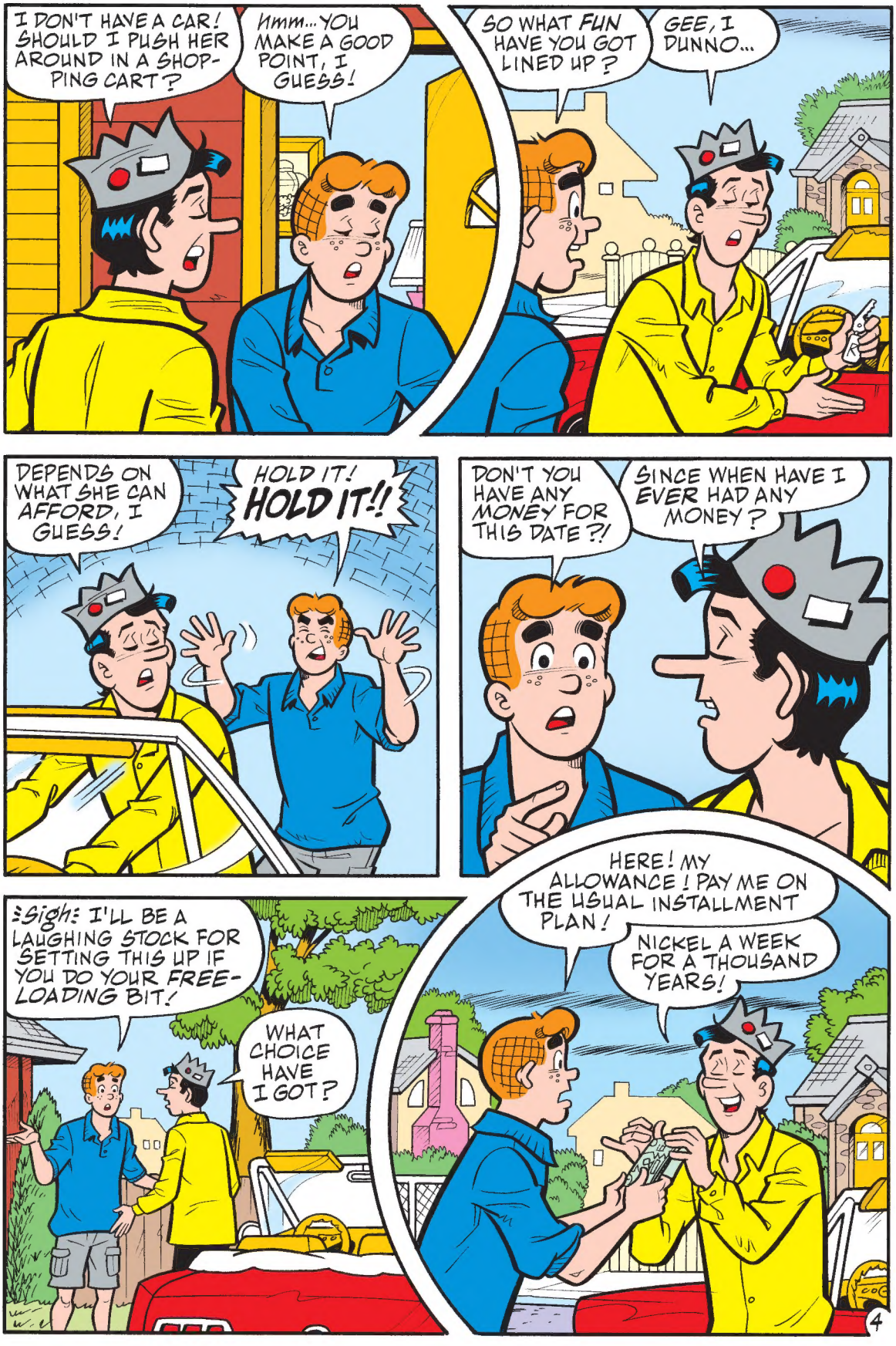
I DON'T HAVE A CAR! SHOULD I PUSH HER AROUND IN A SHOPPING CART?
Hmm... YOU MAKE A GOOD POINT, I GUESS!
SO WHAT FUN HAVE YOU GOT LINED UP?
GEE, I DUNNO...
DEPENDS ON WHAT SHE CAN AFFORD, I GUESS!
HOLD IT!
HOLD IT!!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY MONEY FOR THIS DATE?!
SINCE WHEN HAVE I EVER HAD ANY MONEY?
:Sigh: I'LL BE A LAUGHING STOCK FOR SETTING THIS UP IF YOU DO YOUR FREE-LOADING BIT!
WHAT CHOICE HAVE I GOT?
HERE! MY ALLOWANCE! PAY ME ON THE USUAL INSTALLMENT PLAN!
NICKEL A WEEK FOR A THOUSAND YEARS!

MY CLOTHES, MY CAR, MY MONEY, FOR A DATE I SET HIM UP WITH! I'M KINDA NUTTY, I GUESS!
ZERO HOUR...
I'M ACTUALLY NERVOUS WONDERING HOW JUG'S DATE WILL GO!
ARCHIE! JUGHEAD'S ON THE PHONE!
WHY AREN'T YOU WITH DANIELLE?!
I WAS DRIVING PAST BARNEY'S BEANERY WHEN YOUR CAR OVERHEATED!
I WAS GOING TO MEET HER AT RUDY'S CHOP HOUSE AT SEVEN! CAN YOU KEEP HER COMPANY 'TIL I SHOW UP?
GOT IT!
IT'S ALMOST SEVEN NOW! I CAN'T EVEN STOP TO CHANGE!
BUMP BUMP
ZIP
I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW FAR AWAY THIS PLACE WAS! I'M LATE! I HOPE SHE'S STILL THERE!
DENTIST
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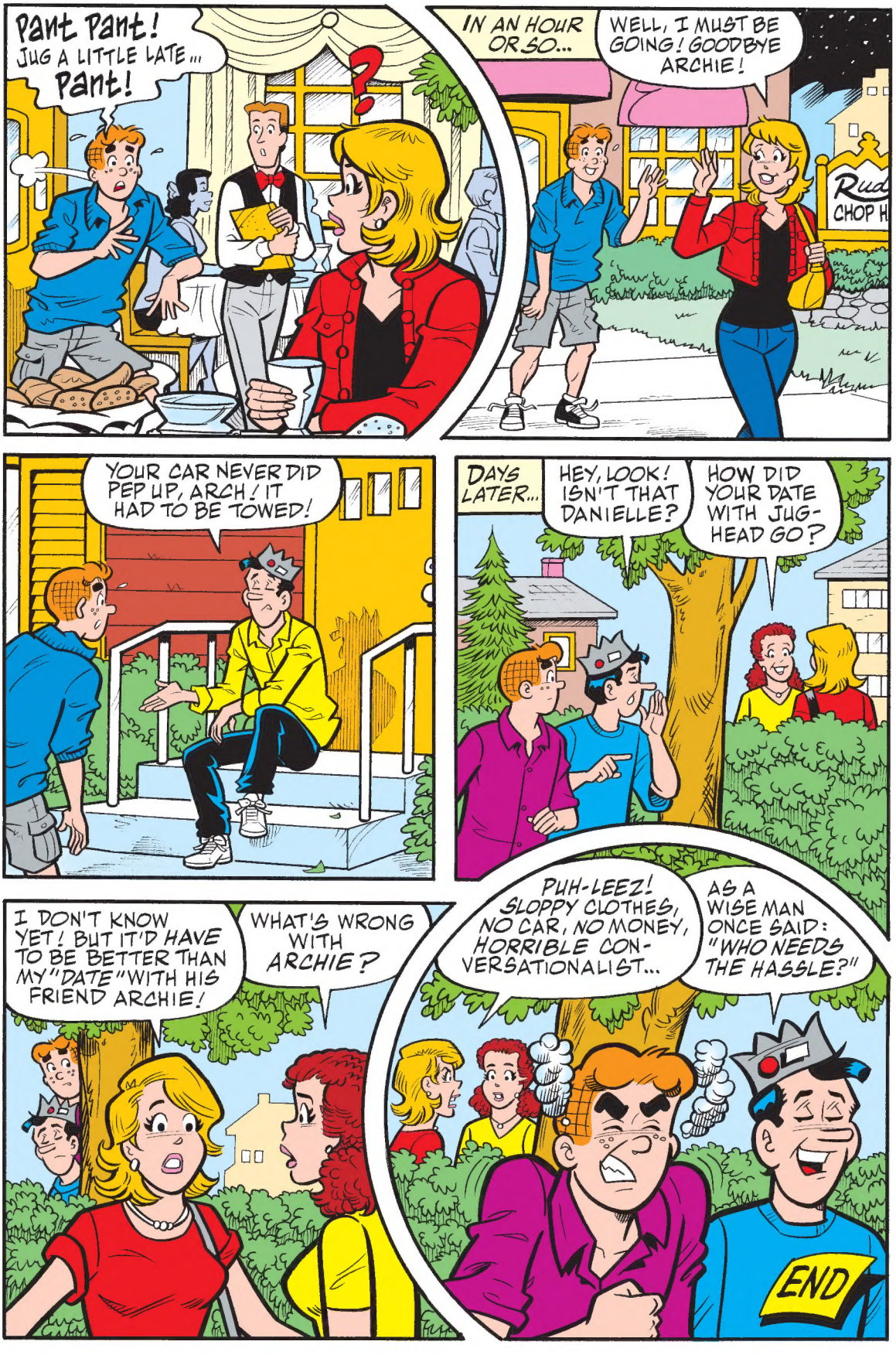
Pant Pant! JUG A LITTLE LATE... Pant!
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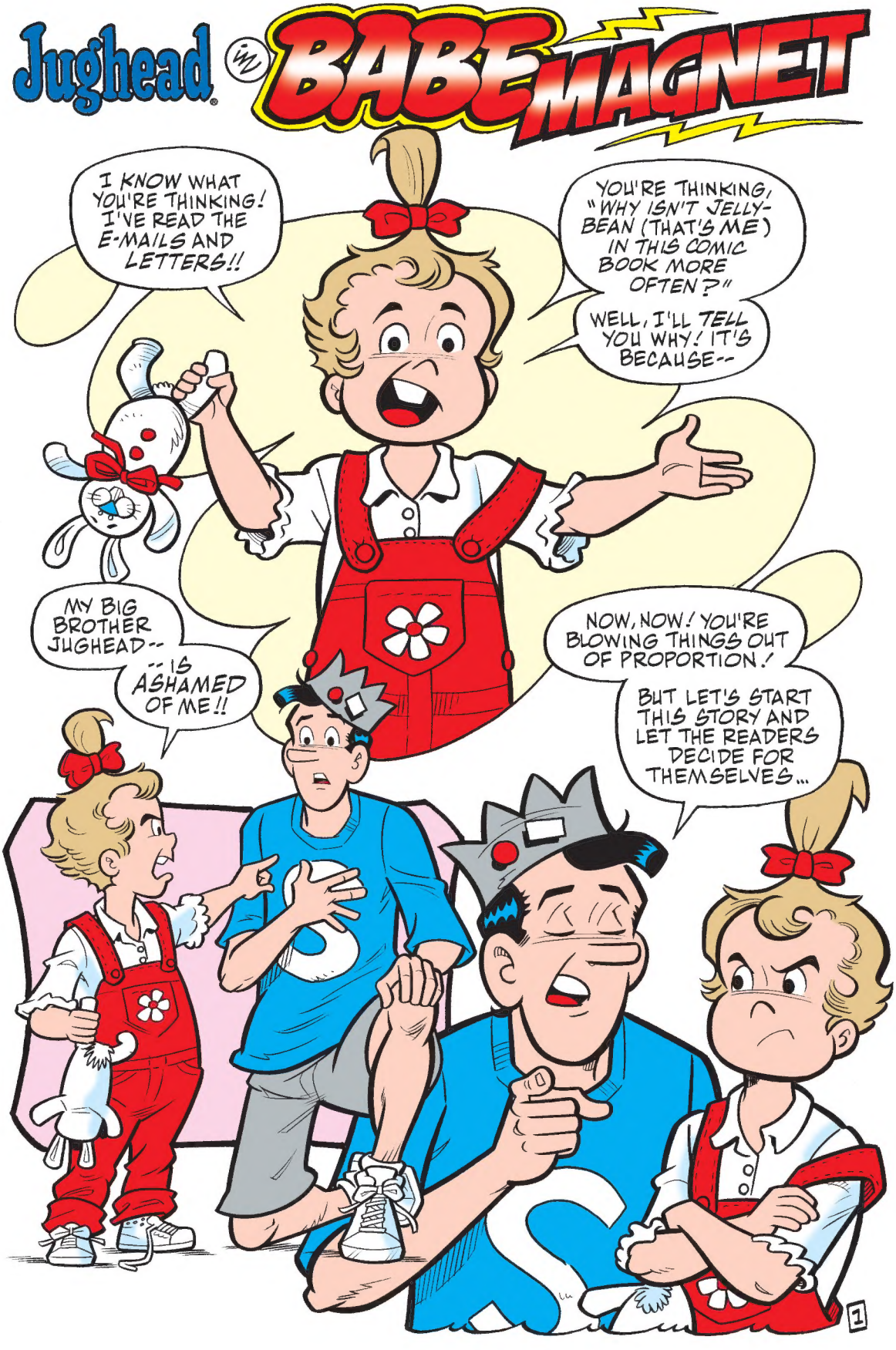
IN AN HOUR OR SO...
WELL, I MUST BE GOING! GOODBYE ARCHIE!
CHOP H
YOUR CAR NEVER DID PEP UP, ARCH! IT HAD TO BE TOWED!
DAYS LATER...
HEY, LOOK! ISN'T THAT DANIELLE?
HOW DID YOUR DATE WITH JUGHEAD GO?
I DON'T KNOW YET! BUT IT'D HAVE TO BE BETTER THAN MY "DATE" WITH HIS FRIEND ARCHIE!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ARCHIE?
PUH-LEEZ! SLOPPY CLOTHES, NO CAR, NO MONEY, HORRIBLE CONVERSATIONALIST...
AS A WISE MAN ONCE SAID: "WHO NEEDS THE HASSLE?"
END


Jughead in BABE MAGNET
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! I'VE READ THE E-MAILS AND LETTERS!!
YOU'RE THINKING, "WHY ISN'T JELLY-BEAN (THAT'S ME) IN THIS COMIC BOOK MORE OFTEN?"
WELL, I'LL TELL YOU WHY! IT'S BECAUSE--
MY BIG BROTHER JUGHEAD--
--IS ASHAMED OF ME!!
NOW, NOW! YOU'RE BLOWING THINGS OUT OF PROPORTION!
BUT LET'S START THIS STORY AND LET THE READERS DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES...
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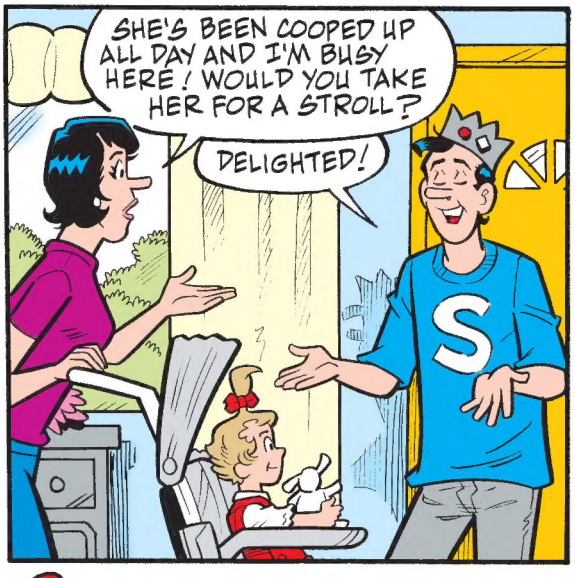
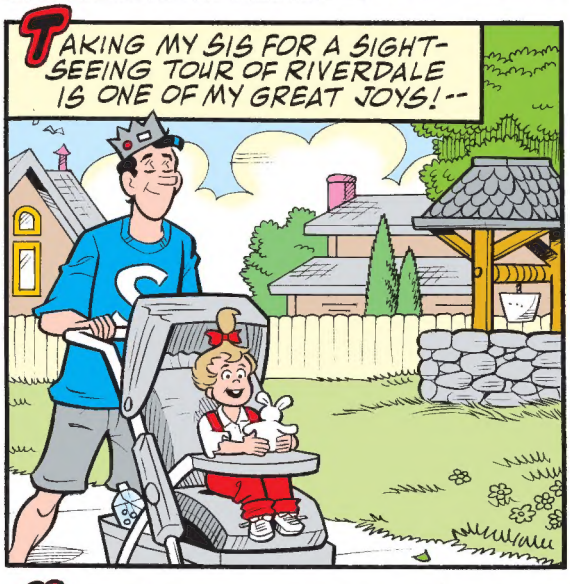
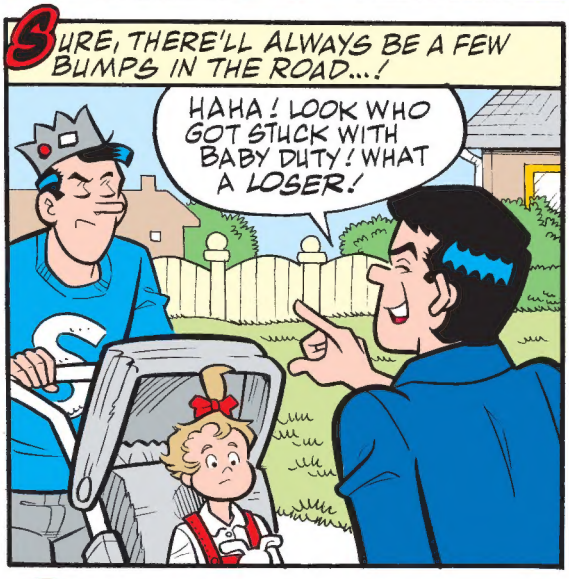
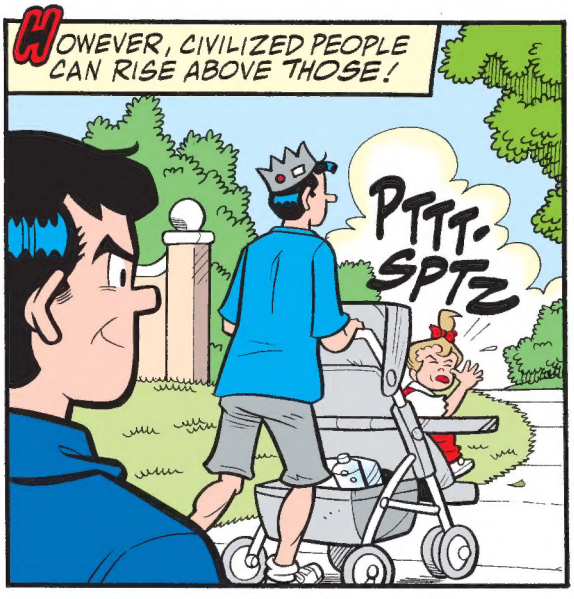
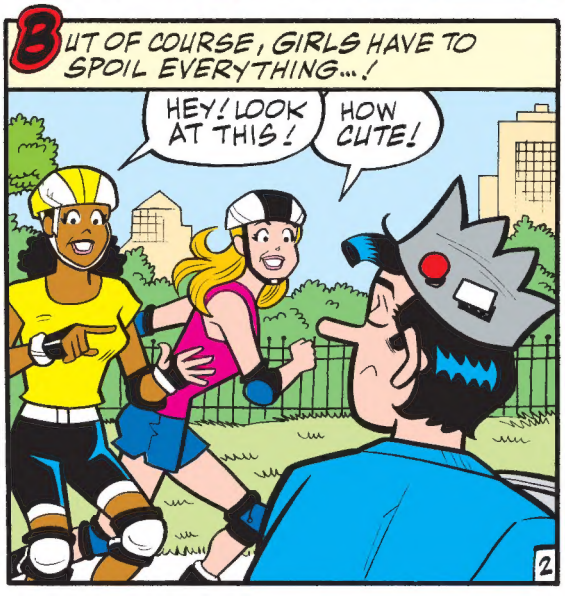
JUGHEAD! I NEED YOUR HELP WITH JELLYBEAN!
SURE! WHAT'S A BIG BRO FOR?

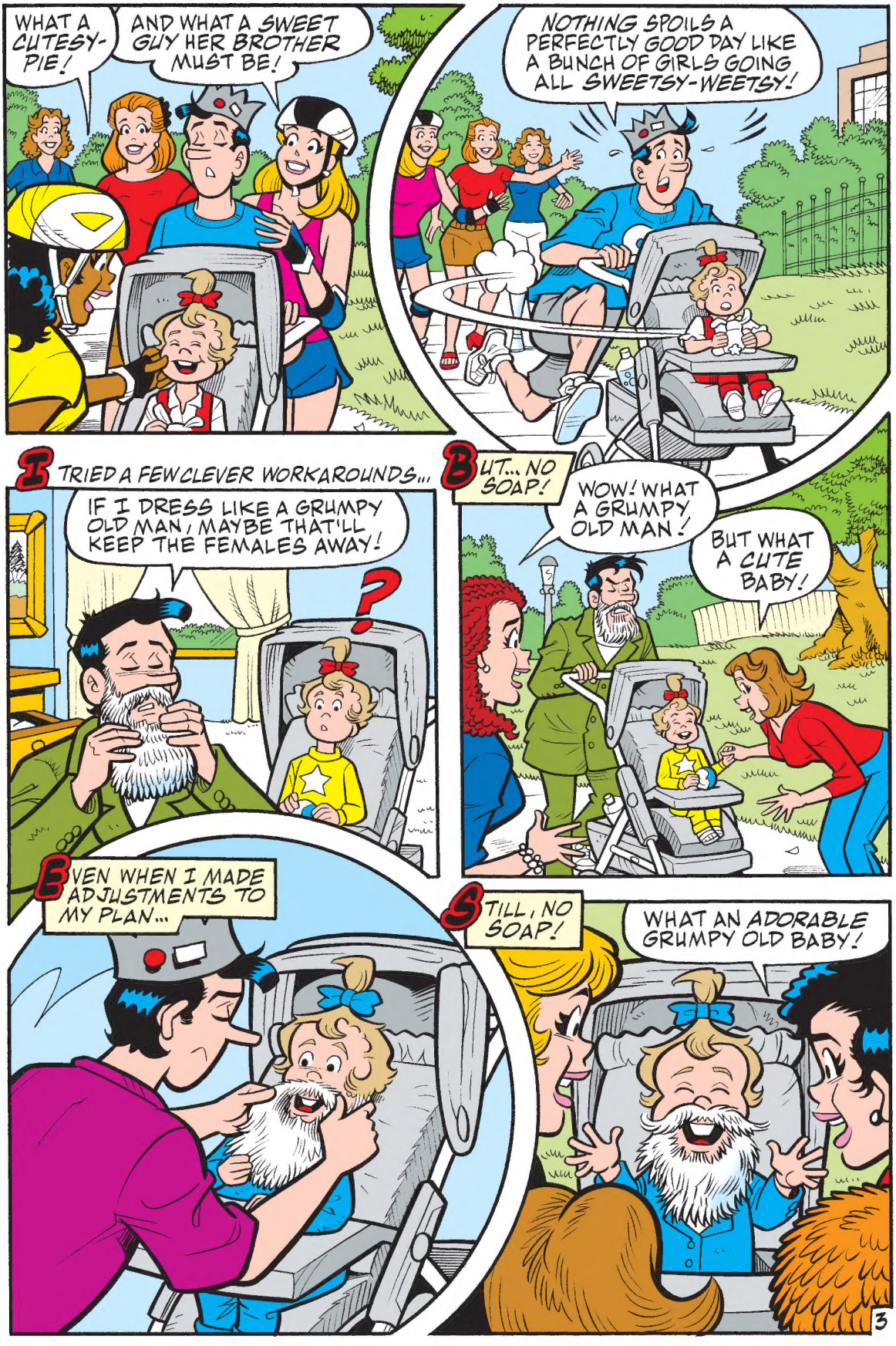

SHE'S BEEN COOPED UP ALL DAY AND I'M BUSY HERE! WOULD YOU TAKE HER FOR A STROLL?
DELIGHTED!


TAKING MY SIS FOR A SIGHT-SEEING TOUR OF RIVERDALE IS ONE OF MY GREAT JOYS!--


SURE, THERE'LL ALWAYS BE A FEW BUMPS IN THE ROAD...!
HAHA! LOOK WHO GOT STUCK WITH BABY DUTY! WHAT A LOSER!


HOWEVER, CIVILIZED PEOPLE CAN RISE ABOVE THOSE!
PTTT-SPTZ


BUT OF COURSE, GIRLS HAVE TO SPOIL EVERYTHING...!
HEY! LOOK AT THIS!
HOW CUTE!


WHAT A CUTESY-PIE!
AND WHAT A SWEET GUY HER BROTHER MUST BE!
NOTHING SPOILS A PERFECTLY GOOD DAY LIKE A BUNCH OF GIRLS GOING ALL SWEETSY-WEETSY!
I TRIED A FEW CLEVER WORKAROUNDS...
IF I DRESS LIKE A GRUMPY OLD MAN, MAYBE THAT'LL KEEP THE FEMALES AWAY!
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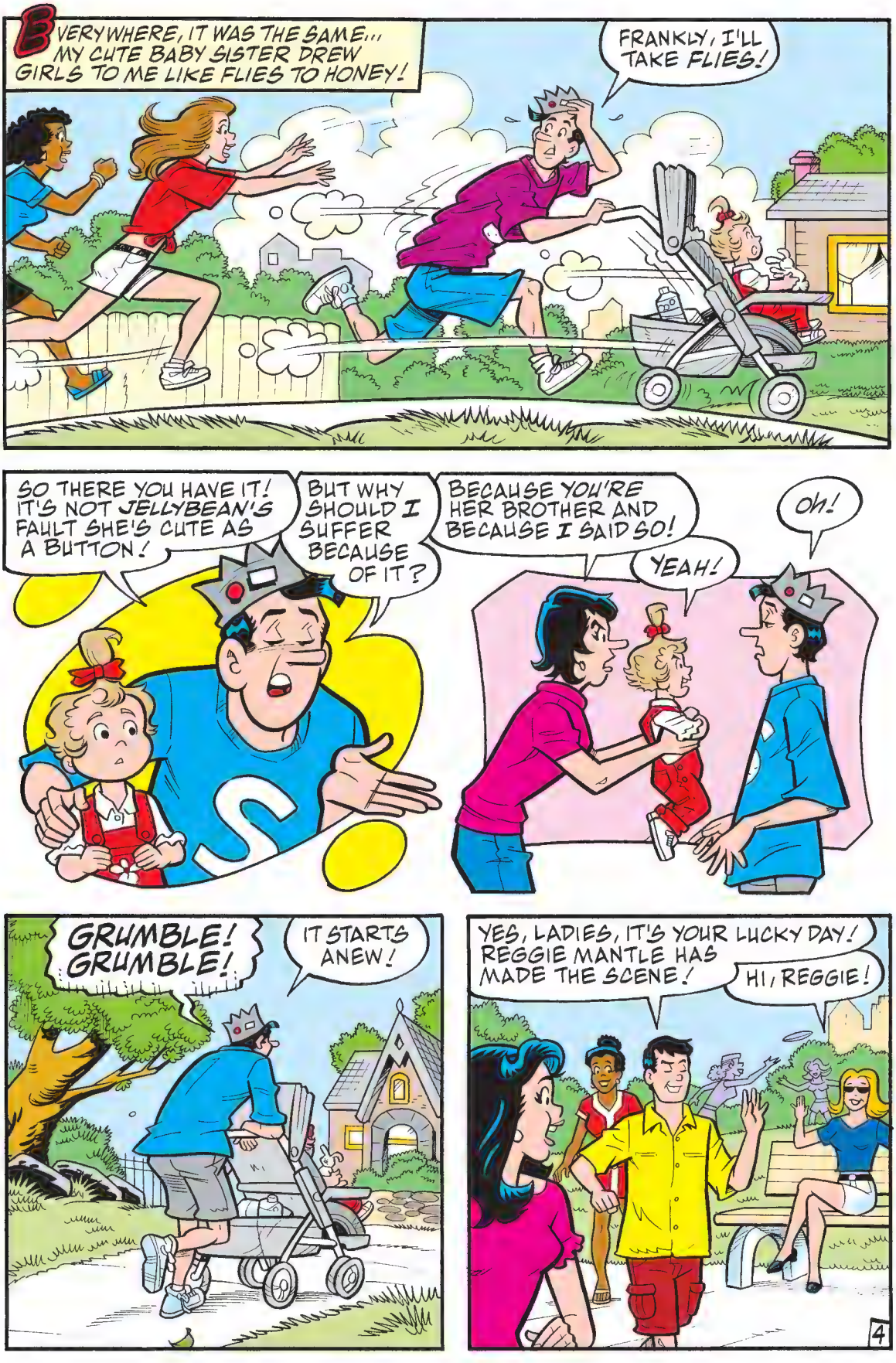
BUT... NO SOAP!
WOW! WHAT A GRUMPY OLD MAN!
BUT WHAT A CUTE BABY!
EVEN WHEN I MADE ADJUSTMENTS TO MY PLAN...
STILL, NO SOAP!
WHAT AN ADORABLE GRUMPY OLD BABY!


EVERYWHERE, IT WAS THE SAME... MY CUTE BABY SISTER DREW GIRLS TO ME LIKE FLIES TO HONEY!
FRANKLY, I'LL TAKE FLIES!
SO THERE YOU HAVE IT! IT'S NOT JELLYBEAN'S FAULT SHE'S CUTE AS A BUTTON!
BUT WHY SHOULD I SUFFER BECAUSE OF IT?
BECAUSE YOU'RE HER BROTHER AND BECAUSE I SAID SO!
YEAH!
OH!
GRUMBLE! GRUMBLE!
IT STARTS ANEW!
YES, LADIES, IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY! REGGIE MANTLE HAS MADE THE SCENE!
HI, REGGIE!
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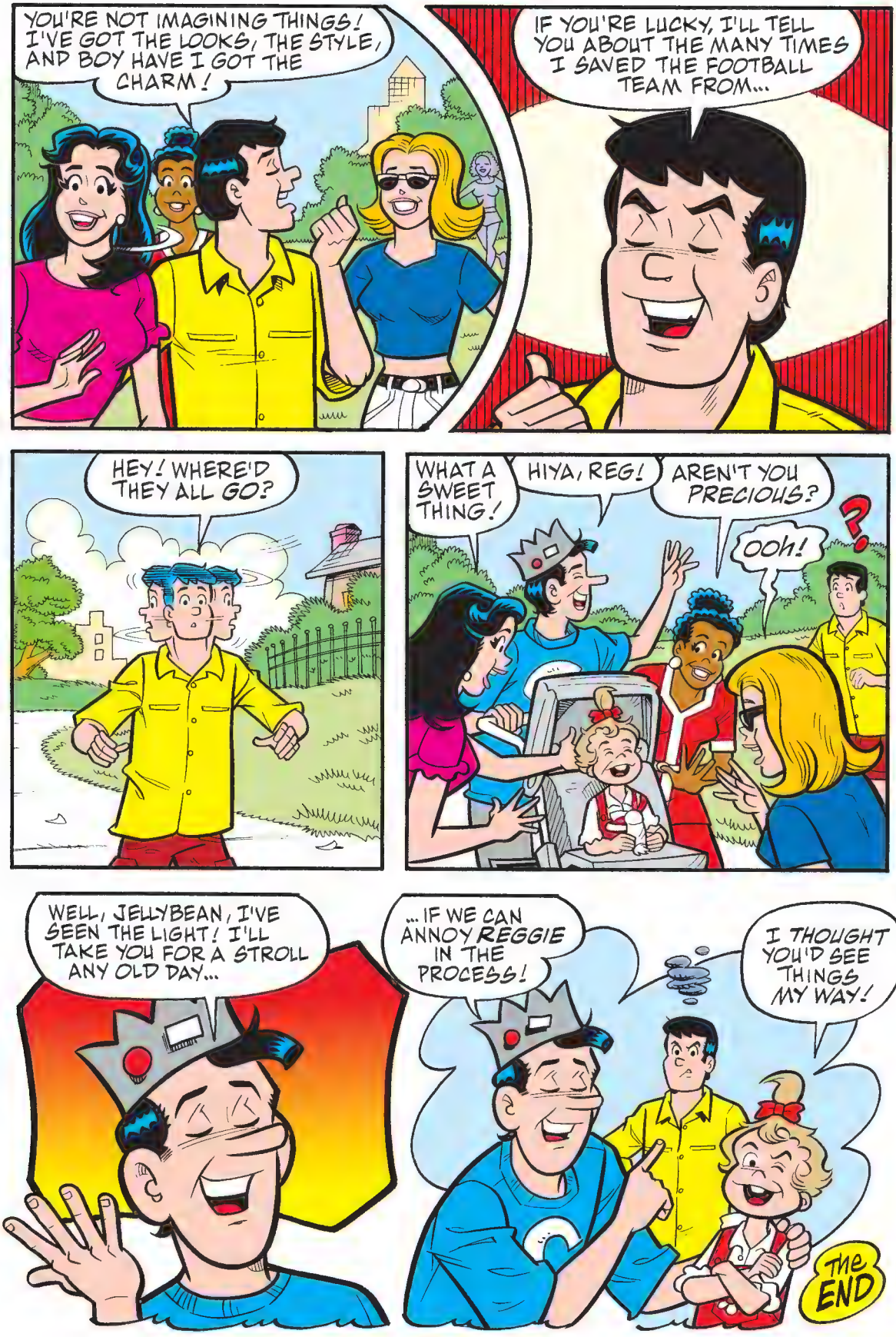
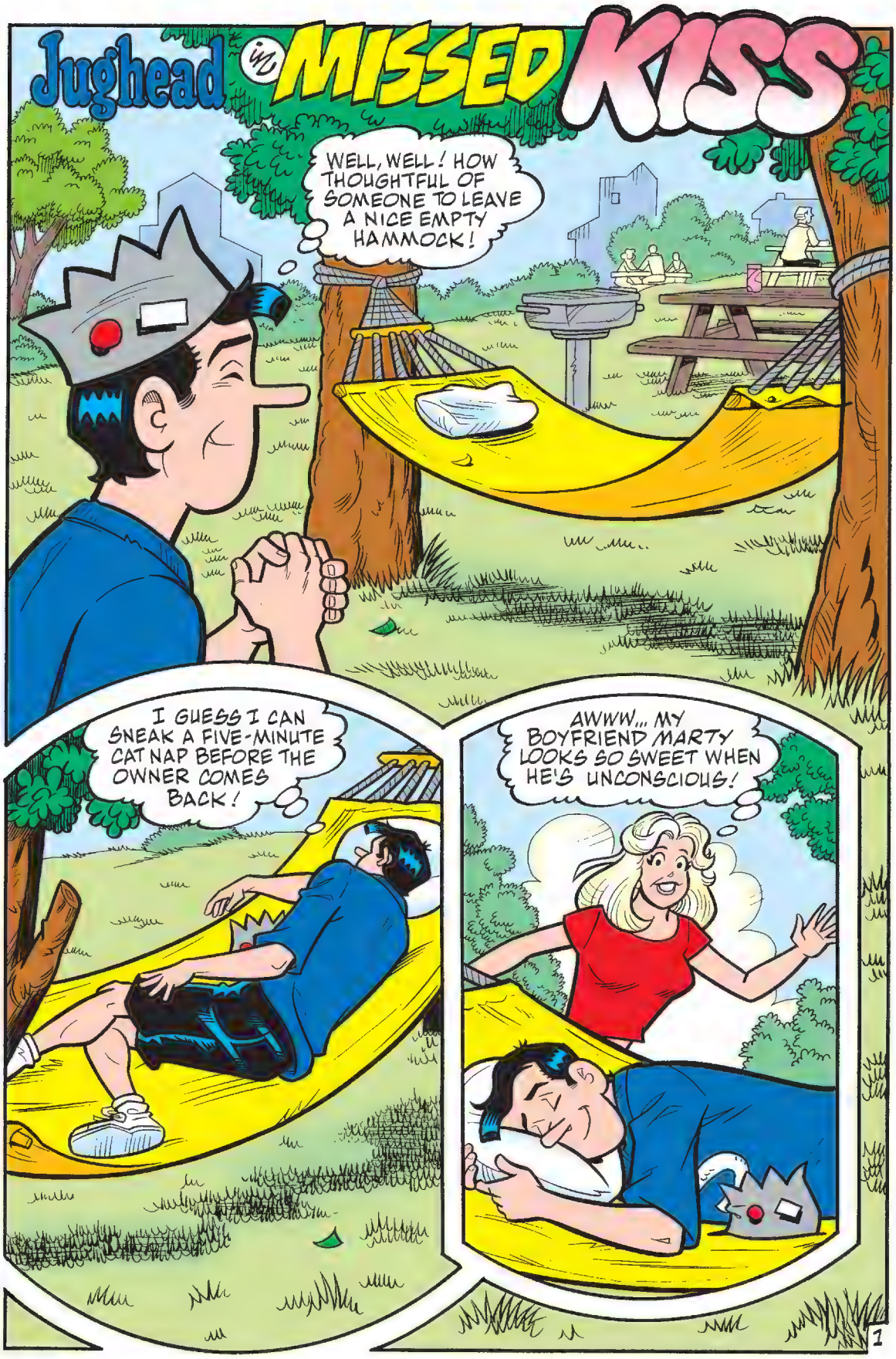
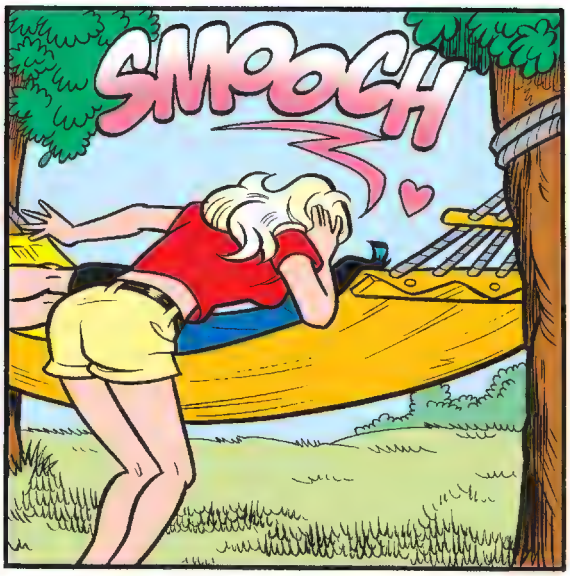
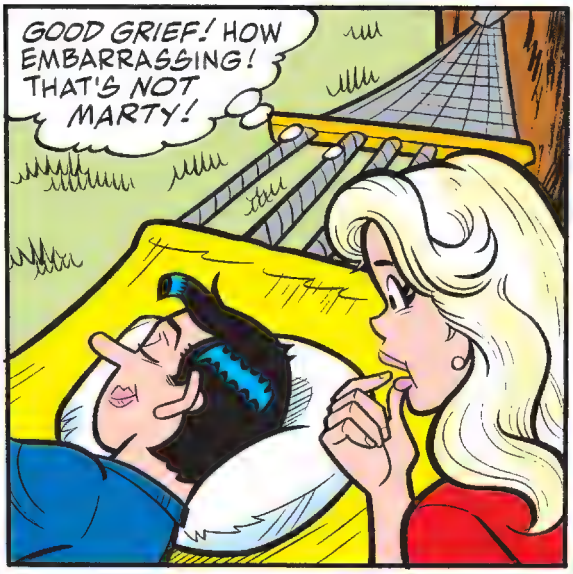
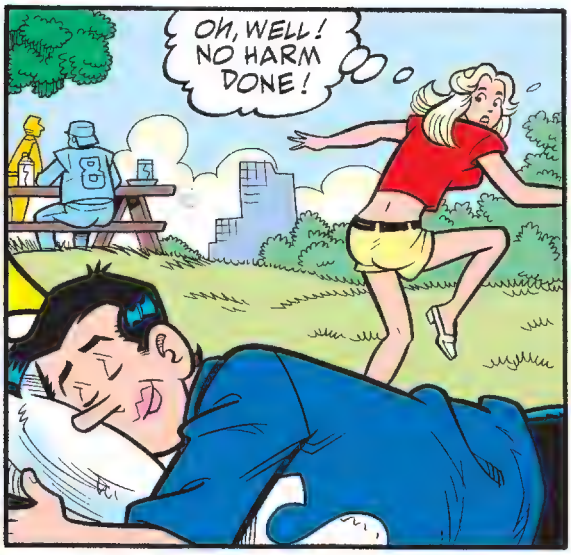
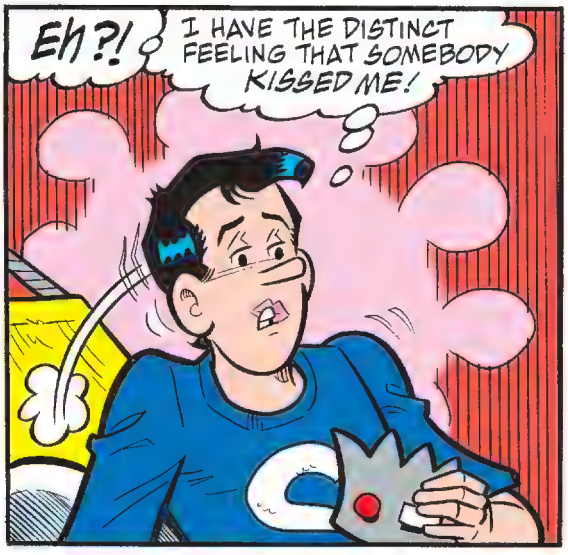

YOU'RE NOT IMAGINING THINGS! I'VE GOT THE LOOKS, THE STYLE, AND BOY HAVE I GOT THE CHARM!
IF YOU'RE LUCKY, I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE MANY TIMES I SAVED THE FOOTBALL TEAM FROM...
HEY! WHERE'D THEY ALL GO?
WHAT A SWEET THING!
HIYA, REG!
AREN'T YOU PRECIOUS?
OOH!
WELL, JELLYBEAN, I'VE SEEN THE LIGHT! I'LL TAKE YOU FOR A STROLL ANY OLD DAY...
...IF WE CAN ANNOY REGGIE IN THE PROCESS!
I THOUGHT YOU'D SEE THINGS MY WAY!
THE END

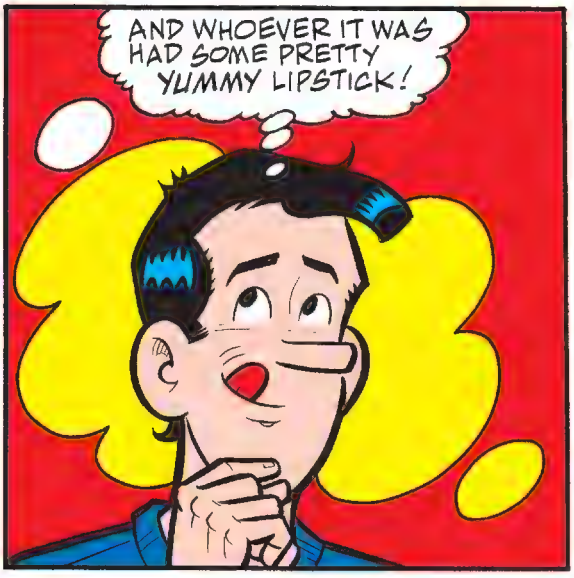

Jughead in MISSED KISS
WELL, WELL! HOW THOUGHTFUL OF SOMEONE TO LEAVE A NICE EMPTY HAMMOCK!
I GUESS I CAN SNEAK A FIVE-MINUTE CAT NAP BEFORE THE OWNER COMES BACK!
AWWW... MY BOYFRIEND MARTY LOOKS SO SWEET WHEN HE'S UNCONSCIOUS!


SMOOCH

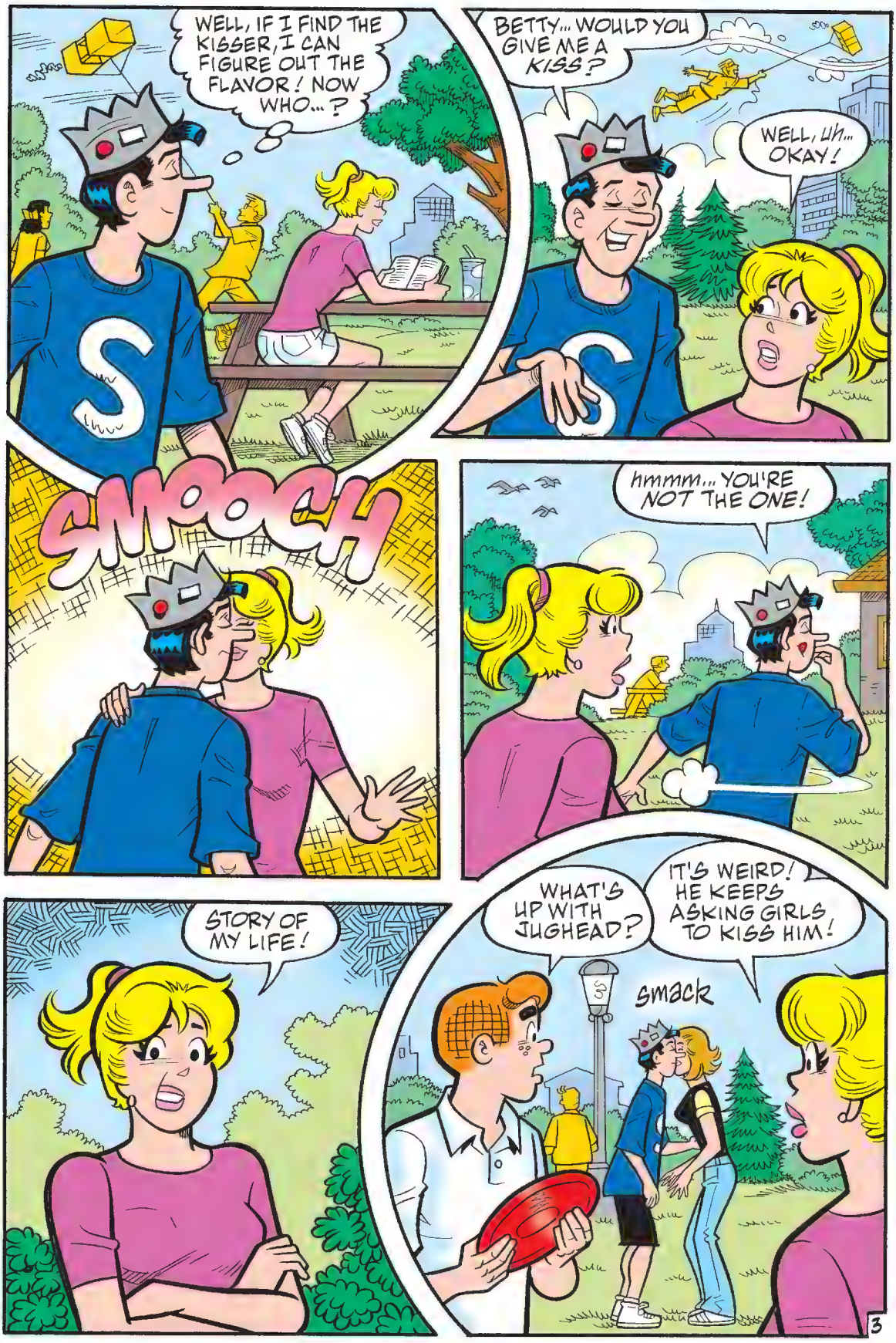

GOOD GRIEF! HOW EMBARRASSING! THAT'S NOT MARTY!


OH, WELL! NO HARM DONE!


EH?!
I HAVE THE DISTINCT FEELING THAT SOMEBODY KISSED ME!


AND WHOEVER IT WAS HAD SOME PRETTY YUMMY LIPSTICK!

Hmmm... WHAT WAS THAT FLAVOR? KINDA FRUITY... KINDA MINTY... CAN'T QUITE IDENTIFY IT...


WELL, IF I FIND THE KISSER, I CAN FIGURE OUT THE FLAVOR! NOW WHO...?
BETTY... WOULD YOU GIVE ME A KISS?
WELL, UH... OKAY!
SMOOCH
hmmm... YOU'RE NOT THE ONE!
STORY OF MY LIFE!
WHAT'S UP WITH JUGHEAD?
IT'S WEIRD! HE KEEPS ASKING GIRLS TO KISS HIM!
smack

SMERCH
ETHEL? D'YA MIND?
NANCY, HOW 'BOUT PLANTING ONE RIGHT HERE?
AND SO ON...
WHY THAT LITTLE TWERP! IMAGINE HIM SAYING MY LIPS DON'T MEASURE UP!
YOU KISSED HIM!?
YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE HIM!
THAT'S BESIDES THE POINT! HE SHOULD RECOGNIZE QUALITY!
KISS
GET A LOAD OF THIS CHARACTER!
HE'S SEARCHING FOR SOME GIRL WHO GAVE HIM A SMOOCH!
MY GOSH! THAT'S THE GUY THAT I KISSED! I BET HE'S LOOKING FOR ME!
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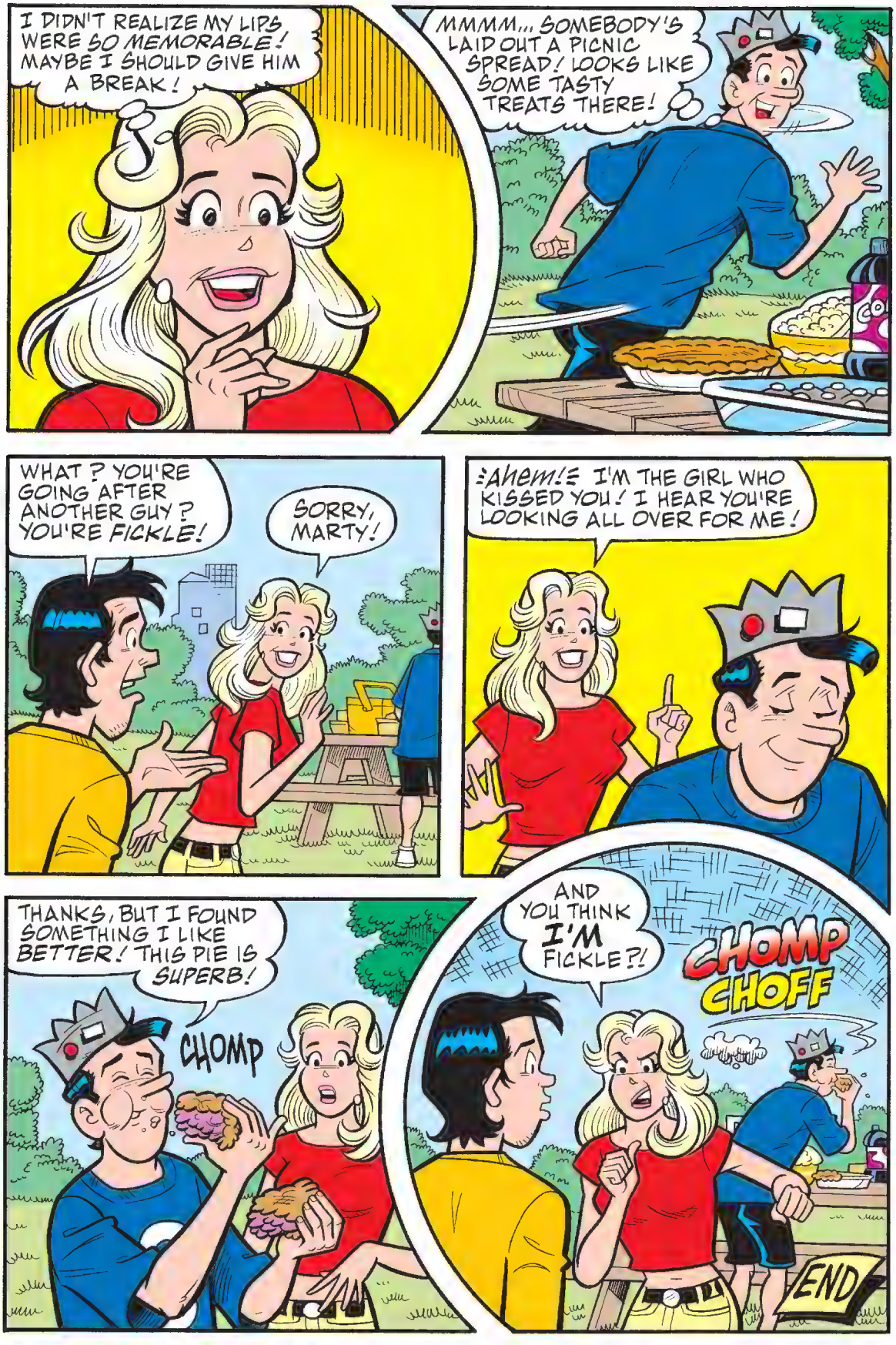
I DIDN'T REALIZE MY LIPS WERE SO MEMORABLE! MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE HIM A BREAK!
MMMM... SOMEBODY'S LAID OUT A PICNIC SPREAD! LOOKS LIKE SOME TASTY TREATS THERE!
WHAT? YOU'RE GOING AFTER ANOTHER GUY? YOU'RE FICKLE!
SORRY, MARTY!
AHEM! I'M THE GIRL WHO KISSED YOU! I HEAR YOU'RE LOOKING ALL OVER FOR ME!
THANKS, BUT I FOUND SOMETHING I LIKE BETTER! THIS PIE IS SUPERB!
CHOMP
AND YOU THINK I'M FICKLE?!
CHOMP CHOFF
END

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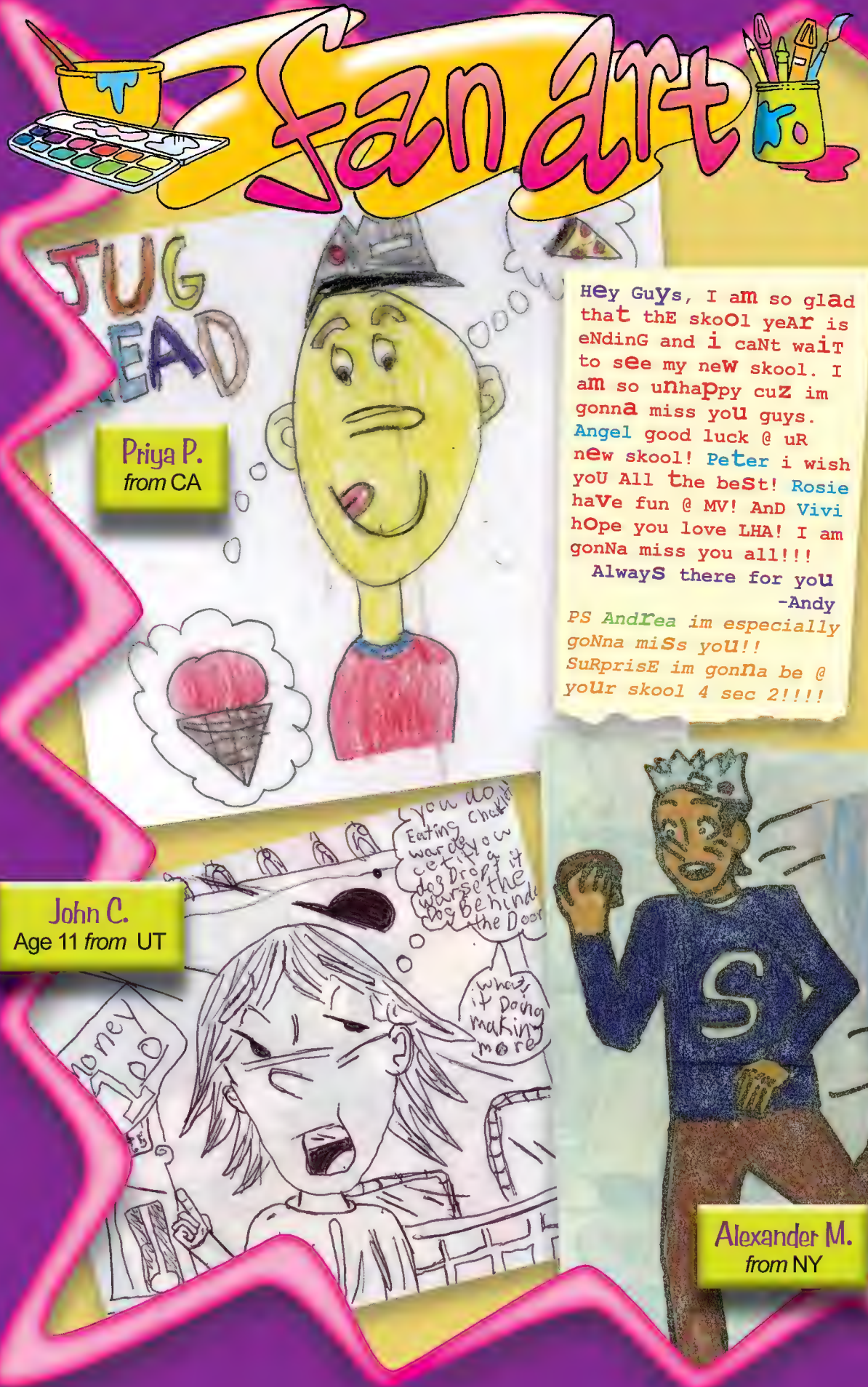
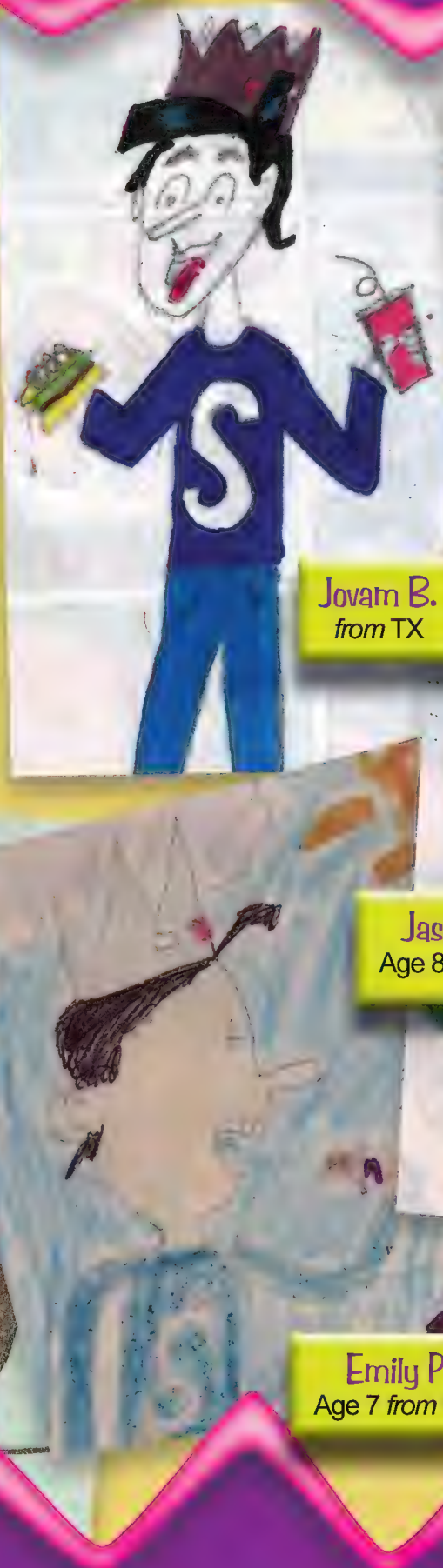


Priya P.
from CA

Hey Guys, I am so glad that thE skoOl yeAr is eNdinG and i caNt waiT to sEe my neW skool. I am so uNhaPpy cuZ im gonnA miss yoU guys. Angel good luck @ uR neW skool! Peter i wish yoU All the beSt! Rosie haVe fun @ MV! AnD Vivi hOpe you love LHA! I am gonNa miss you all!!!
AlwayS there for yoU
-Andy
PS AndRea im especially goNna miSs yoU!! SuRprisE im gonNa be @ yoUr skool 4 sec 2!!!!



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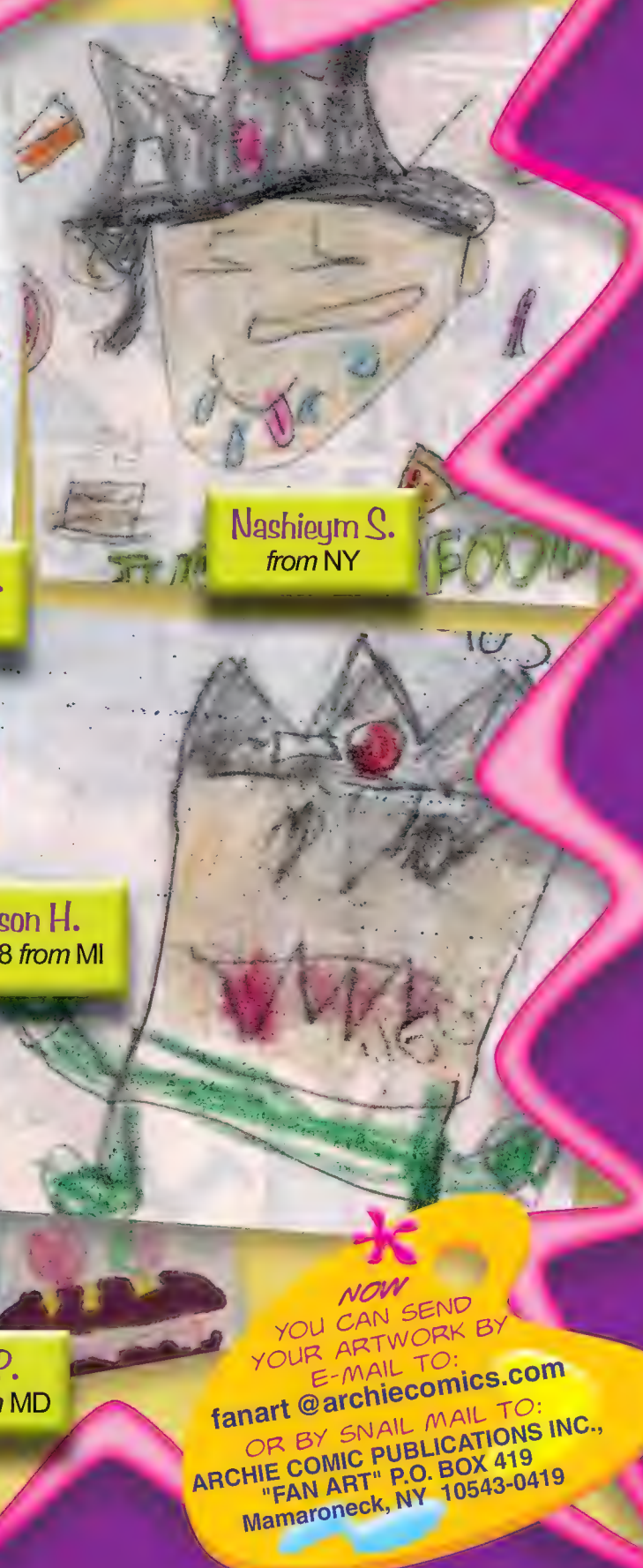

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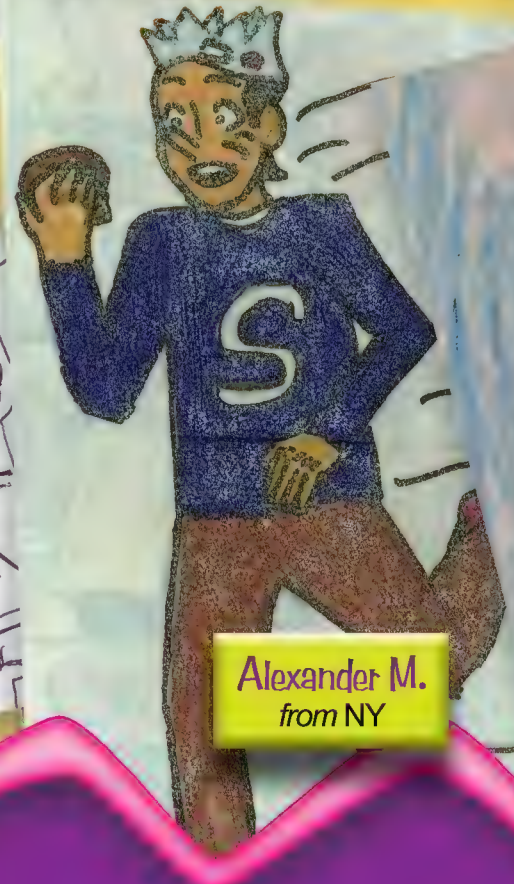

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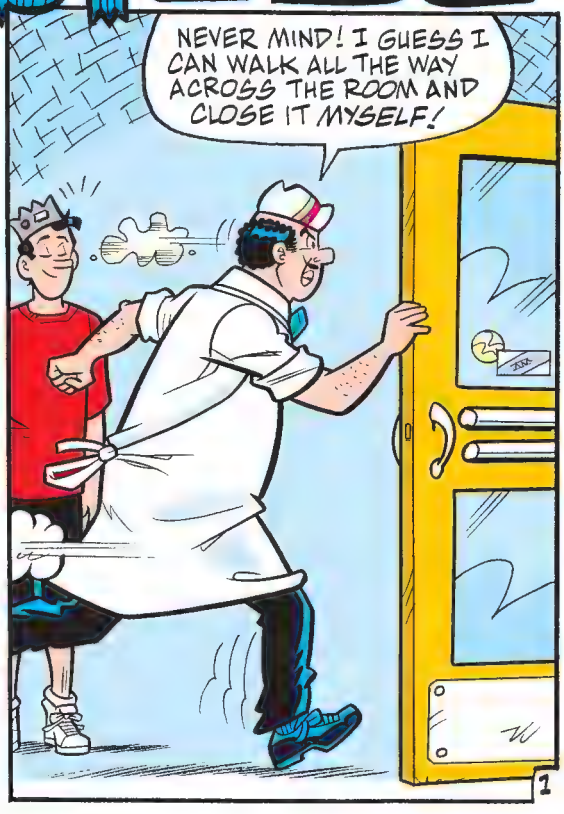

HERE'S THE PROBLEM! YOU'VE WORN OUT THE SPRING ON THE DOOR!
ME?!
POP, JUST 'CAUSE IT GAVE OUT WHEN I CAME IN DOESN'T MEAN THAT I BROKE IT!
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO COMES THROUGH THAT DOOR!
YOU PRACTICALLY ARE!
YOU AND YOUR CRONIES ARE THE ONLY ONES I CAN COUNT ON TO SHOW UP REGULARLY!
FLING
POP! HOW GOES IT?
HMPH!
PUSH
WERE YOU BORN IN A BARN, CHUCK?
NO, A HOSPITAL! WHY DO YOU ASK?
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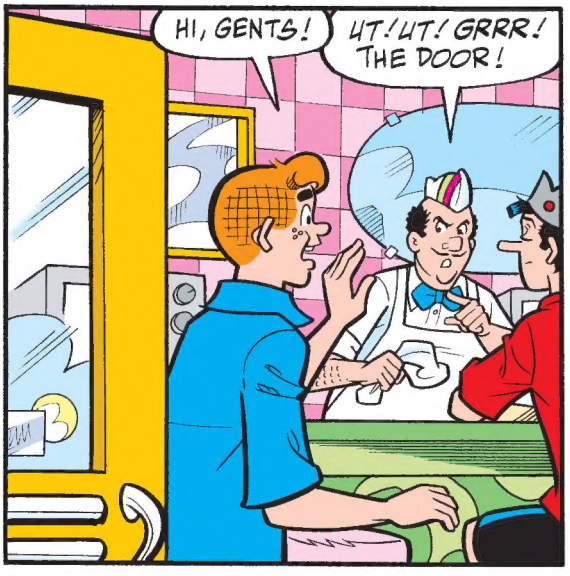
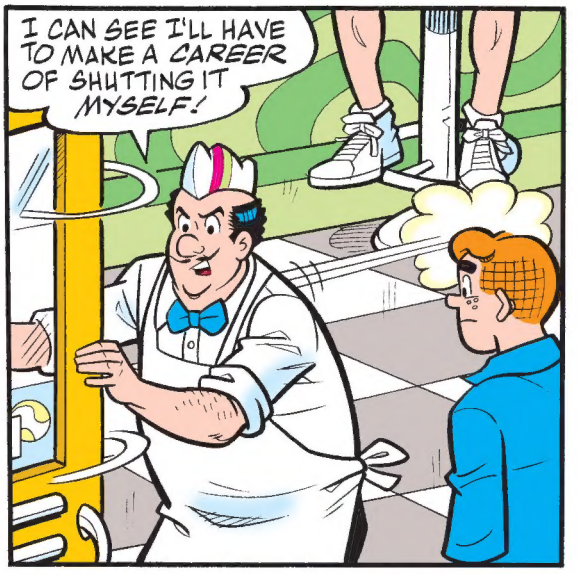
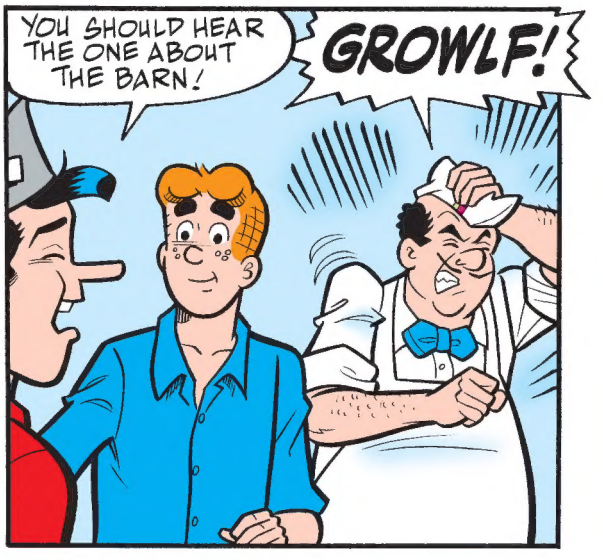
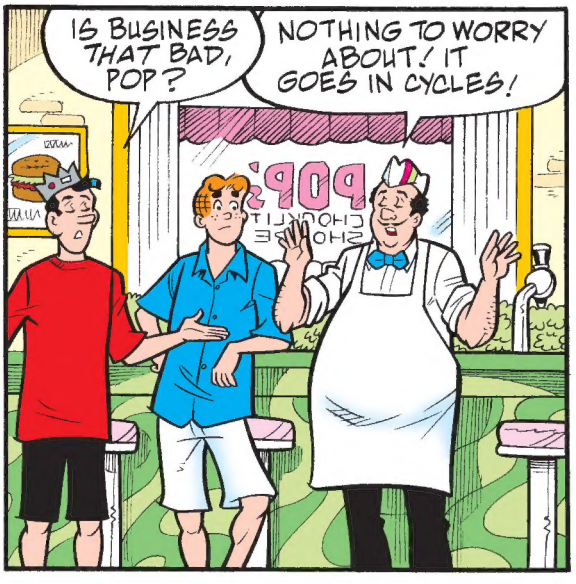

HI, GENTS!
UT! UT! GRRR! THE DOOR!


I CAN SEE I'LL HAVE TO MAKE A CAREER OF SHUTTING IT MYSELF!

HEEHEE! CAREER OUT OF SHUTTING THE DOOR! GOOD ONE, POP!
HE'S ON A ROLL!


YOU SHOULD HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE BARN!
GROWLF!


IS BUSINESS THAT BAD, POP?
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! IT GOES IN CYCLES!

DON'T MIND ME, BOYS! WHEN BUSINESS IS SLOW, IT GIVES ME TIME TO THINK!
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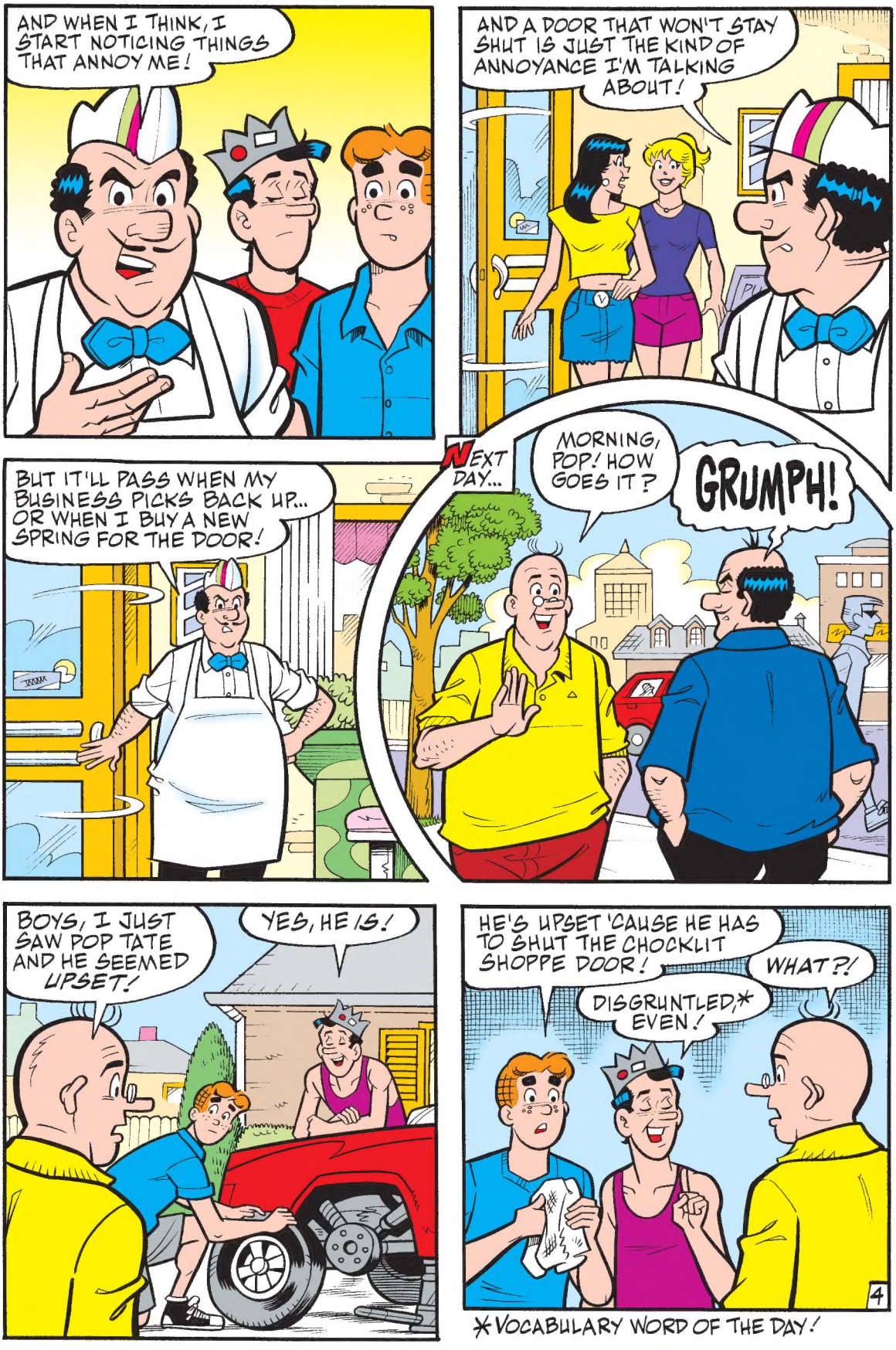
AND WHEN I THINK, I START NOTICING THINGS THAT ANNOY ME!
AND A DOOR THAT WON'T STAY SHUT IS JUST THE KIND OF ANNOYANCE I'M TALKING ABOUT!
BUT IT'LL PASS WHEN MY BUSINESS PICKS BACK UP... OR WHEN I BUY A NEW SPRING FOR THE DOOR!
NEXT DAY...
MORNING, POP! HOW GOES IT?
GRUMPH!
BOYS, I JUST SAW POP TATE AND HE SEEMED UPSET!
YES, HE IS!
HE'S UPSET 'CAUSE HE HAS TO SHUT THE CHOCKLIT SHOPPE DOOR!
WHAT?!
DISGRUNTLED,* EVEN!
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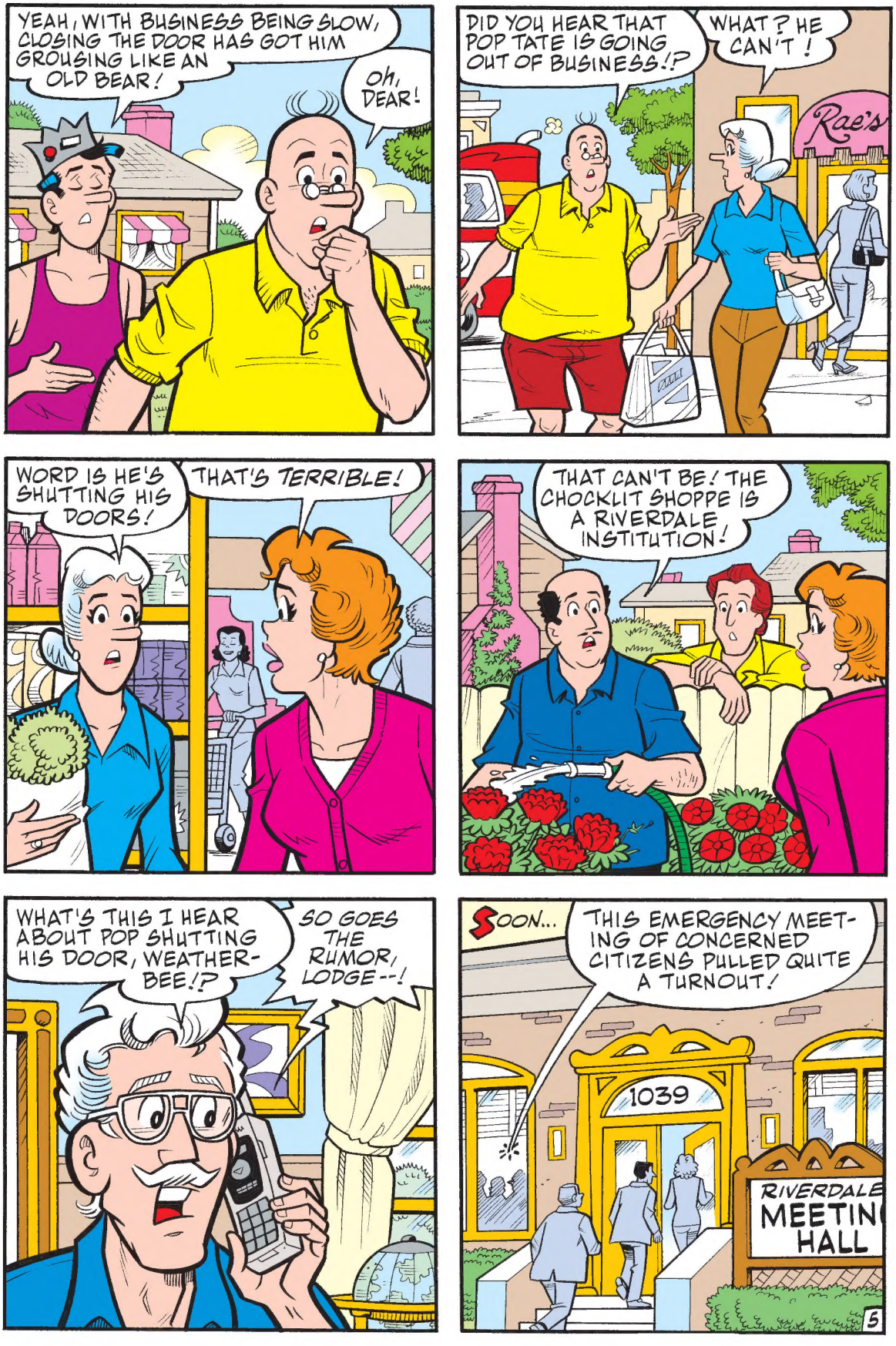
*VOCABULARY WORD OF THE DAY!


YEAH, WITH BUSINESS BEING SLOW, CLOSING THE DOOR HAS GOT HIM GROUSING LIKE AN OLD BEAR!
OH, DEAR!
DID YOU HEAR THAT POP TATE IS GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!?
WHAT? HE CAN'T!
Rae's
WORD IS HE'S SHUTTING HIS DOORS!
THAT'S TERRIBLE!
THAT CAN'T BE! THE CHOCKLIT SHOPPE IS A RIVERDALE INSTITUTION!
WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT POP SHUTTING HIS DOOR, WEATHER-BEE!?
SO GOES THE RUMOR, LODGE--!
SOON...
THIS EMERGENCY MEETING OF CONCERNED CITIZENS PULLED QUITE A TURNOUT!
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RIVERDALE MEETIN HALL
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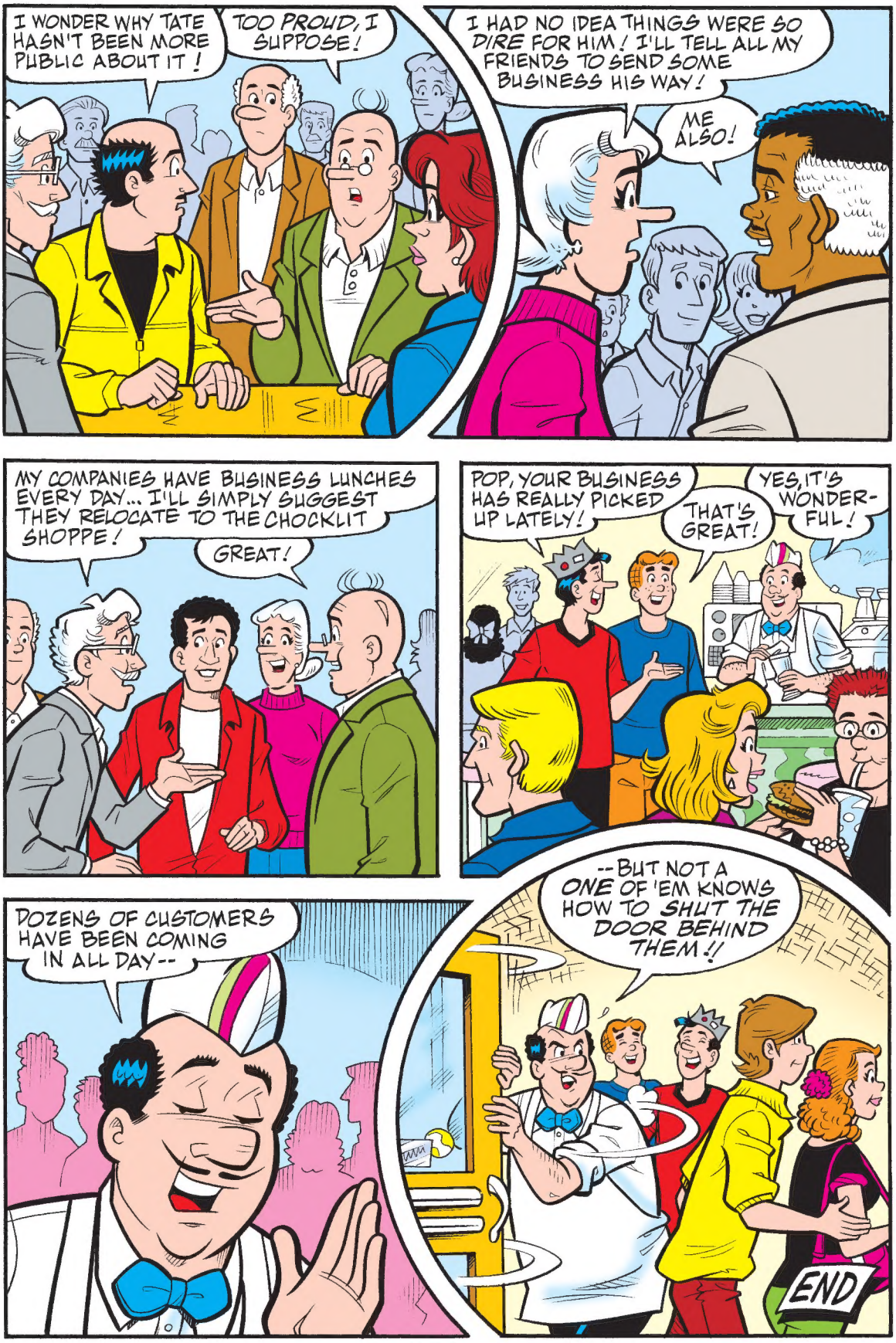
I WONDER WHY TATE HASN'T BEEN MORE PUBLIC ABOUT IT!
TOO PROUD, I SUPPOSE!
I HAD NO IDEA THINGS WERE SO DIRE FOR HIM! I'LL TELL ALL MY FRIENDS TO SEND SOME BUSINESS HIS WAY!
ME ALSO!
MY COMPANIES HAVE BUSINESS LUNCHES EVERY DAY... I'LL SIMPLY SUGGEST THEY RELOCATE TO THE CHOCKLIT SHOPPE!
GREAT!
POP, YOUR BUSINESS HAS REALLY PICKED UP LATELY!
THAT'S GREAT!
YES, IT'S WONDERFUL!
DOZENS OF CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN COMING IN ALL DAY--
--BUT NOT A ONE OF 'EM KNOWS HOW TO SHUT THE DOOR BEHIND THEM!!
END

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